THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Some case of diversion of domestic LPG cylinders have come to the notice of the PSU oil companies in the course of inspections during April-December, 1996.

(b) Oil Companies distributors are under strict instructions to adhere to 100% home delivery of refills. However, due to unforeseen circumstances like floods, road blockage, etc., Oil Companies' distributors, with the approval from local authorities, resort to cash and carry system. In such cases a rebate of Rs. 2.50 is given to consumers.

(c) Indian Oil Corporation has received complaints from Lucknow and Kanpur Markets against LPG distributors. Five cases from Lucknow and four cases from Kanpur markets, have been reported regarding distributors not making home delivery of cylinders, during April-Dec., 1996.

(d) Guidelines already exit for taking action against erring distributors and for attending to such complaints.

(e) All distributors are under strict instructions to :

1. Supply domestic cylinders to authorised customers only.
2. Effect home delivery of cylinders to all customers residing within their trading area.

Complaints that are received, are investigated and action initiated on established complaints, in line with the marketing discipline guidelines against the erring distributor.

Expenditure on Transfers of IAS/IPS/PCS

2651. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent by the Uttar Pradesh Government on the transfers and postings of IAS/IPS and PCS officers during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the measures taken/being taken to frame a transfer policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) In terms of the Cadre Rules, transfers and postings of IAS and IPS officers who are serving under a State Government is the concern of that State Government.

Transfers and postings are an incidence of service and are made by the State or Central Governments, as the case may be, keeping in view the administrative requirements of the State Government concerned or the Government of India. Guidelines have been issued by the Government of India from time to time, in respect of the All India Services with regard to cadre management as well as career management of the officers.

The information regarding the expenditure incurred by the State Governments over transfers and posting of IAS/IPS and PCS officers is not centrally monitored.

Slum Development in West Bengal

2652. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission had approved and sanctioned more than 30 crores for slum development in West Bengal;

(b) whether the Deputy Chairman, Planning, received any memorandum for special support to Howrah;

(c) if so, whether the Deputy Chairman had given direction to State to spend substantial amount of that fund for Howrah;

(d) if so, whether the directives have been complied; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) During 1996-97, Rs. 24.69 crore have been sanctioned for Slum Development in West Bengal.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) to (e) Deputy Chairman, in his reply to the Hon'ble M.P. had, inter-alia, suggested that the Howrah Improvement Trust may submit projects for consideration under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of infrastructural development in mega cities, which is in operation for Calcutta.

PM's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme

2653. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals/requests for inclusion of Kalgaon, Ballapur, Narghar Manikpur and Kemptee cities under Prime Ministers' Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?